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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM *Red 5/99 ope*

NEW STATE RECORD

UNUSUAL RECORD

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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Yellow-throated Vireo Vireo flavifrons
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): Wed. May 12, 1999Number of birds seen: 1 adult Sex: ? male Plumage: Basic/breeding (same)Locality: Chatfield State Park along S. Platte Elevation: 5300 ft.Nearest town: Littleton County: JeffersonTime(s) observed: 1125 DSTDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 2 min.

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

none

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

none known

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

full sun to partial shade, sun from behind and above.

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Binoc Swarovski 8x56Distance, and how measured: 10-20 ft. est.If photographed, type of equipment and film: naWho else photographed the bird? unknownDescribe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying): Typical vireo movements, calmly feeding actively and methodically through young trees in area, not the frantic feeding of warblers. Very tolerant of my close approach.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observed in the field:

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Description (continued): Small but husky build. Bill black, stubby, blunt tipped. back, mantle, and head a beautiful unstreaked yellowish green. Conspicuous bright yellow spectacles set off by dark eye. Chin, throat, breast unstreaked bright yellow; other underparts pure white through undertail coverts. Wings dark gray/black with fine white edging to feathers, 2 white wing bars. Gray rump; tail short, dark gray/black with white edging on outer rectrices in flight. Legs dark.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

no vocalization

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: Riparian woods, young deciduous trees immediately adjacent to river (South Platte) and along foot path. Yellow-rumped Warblers and Yellow Warblers nearby. Willows edging river as it curves away.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? Yellow-breasted Chat - larger size, longer tail, no wing bars and white spectacles. White-eyed Vireo - has white iris (adult), lacks yellow throat and breast. Pine Warbler - more petite size, bill thin and pointed. Lacks conspicuous yellow specs.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

Seen in Colorado and Texas 4 or more times.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

- a) at time of observation: none
b) after observation: Nat. Geo. to confirm details.

This report was written from ^{notes}~~report~~ made during X , after observation from memory

Date and time report was written: May 12, 1999 5 pm

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